

Mrs. Stillman May File New Divorce Suit

**Withdrawal of Answer to
Husband's Action, Nam-
ing Co-respondent Besides
Mrs. Leeds Said To Be Plan**

Alimony Ruling Awaited

**Removal of Case From State
Possible; Rumor Banker
Again Will Offer to Resign**

The Stillman case is marking time again awaiting Justice Morschauer's decision on Mrs. Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman's application for \$10,000 a month alimony and \$75,000 counsel fees pending trial of the divorce action instituted by her husband, James A. Stillman, president of the National City Bank.

The full in the proceedings gave rise yesterday to rumors such as have been prevalent in the sixteen days since the suit became public whenever action lagged.

Among yesterday's rumors was one that Mrs. Stillman's attorneys might institute a suit for absolute divorce, naming a co-respondent other than Mrs. Florence H. Leeds, whose name was brought into the case in Mrs. Stillman's amended answer to her husband's complaint.

Another rumor was that as soon as Justice Morschauer had rendered a decision on the alimony application an order of discontinuance of the action would be filed in Putnam County, where the original papers in the case were filed. Rumor had it also that Mr. Stillman would repeat his offer to resign as president of the National City Bank when the directors meet to-morrow.

New Legal Moves Delayed
Whether the suit was to be discontinued in this state or whether Mrs. Stillman's attorneys were preparing new and startling charges to be made in connection with a divorce suit against the banker, it was said that no legal move was to be expected until the decision as to alimony and counsel fees had been made.

Justice Morschauer's decision in this matter is not expected until the latter part of this week or early next week. The rumor that startling developments might follow it is founded upon a reported conference held by Mrs. Stillman's attorneys in this city Friday, at which it was said, Mrs. Stillman and John E. Mack, guardian ad litem for Mrs. Stillman's child Guy, whose legitimacy is questioned by Mr. Stillman, were present.

It was said that important discoveries made by the attorneys were discussed at this conference and that the discoveries related to a woman other than Mrs. Leeds. Rumors that Mr. Stillman had been attentive to at least one other woman have been current for some time, and it is said that his wife's attorneys now have succeeded in identifying her.

A person in close touch with the case said that it was possible that instead of relying upon the affirmative defense which Mrs. Stillman already has interposed to her husband's accusation of misconduct with Fred Beauvais, a French-Canadian guide, Mrs. Stillman might institute a counter-action for divorce, naming as co-respondent the woman whose name her attorneys are said to have discovered.

May Take Suit to Another State
Although apparently contradictory of this report it was pointed out that the rumor concerning the possible discontinuance of the case in this state in reality fitted in with it (as suit and counter-suit might be taken to another state where proceedings might be conducted with more secrecy than now was possible here).

Attorneys and principals in the case are said to be thoroughly disgusted with the course it has taken here, virtually no progress having been made since the matter first became public, while Mrs. Stillman's accusation in her amended answer has given rise to the possibility of a complete deadlock.

If both she and her husband could prove their accusations, neither would be able to obtain a divorce. With this possibility in view, it was said that the case might readily be dropped but for the charge of illegitimacy which Mr. Stillman has made against twenty-eight-months-old Guy Stillman. That accusation, it is thought, will necessitate a complete legal hearing in the case, either in a divorce action or in proceedings to be brought by the child's guardian ad litem.

The recent publication of a part of the testimony given in a secret hearing before the referee has added to the discontent of lawyers for both sides. Mrs. Stillman's attorneys have asserted that the account was most unfair to their client in the in which it was given out, intimating that some

one desirous of helping the cause of Mr. Stillman had made it public.

Lawyers Deny Publishing Evidence

This intimation has been indignantly denied by De Lancy Nicoll, of counsel for Mr. Stillman, and yesterday John F. Brennan, of counsel for Mrs. Stillman, explained that he did not think lawyers for either side had anything to do with its publication.

"We do not know how it got out," said Mr. Brennan, "and it was so grossly unfair that I do not believe that either Mr. Nicoll or Mr. Sullivan (Mr. Stillman's attorneys) had anything to do with it. I think the person who first published it did wrong. I think it was entirely improper to give out any part of it."

The rumor that Mr. Stillman intended to renew his offer to resign as president of the National City Bank gave as a reason the fact that all of the directors were not present at the last meeting, when his resignation was refused. It was said that he desired to have as many directors as possible pass on the question.

One rumor current yesterday was that Mrs. Stillman was passing her Easter holidays with her mother in Lakewood, N. J. Mrs. Stillman's nurse said that the young woman was passing the holidays in school at Westover. Mrs. Stillman's eldest son, James, is visiting his mother for ten days. It was denied also that Miss Stillman had taken an apartment at 910 Fifth Avenue, where Mrs. Stillman has decided to make her home.

**Gangster Slain in Supposed
Quarrel Over Hold-Up Loot**

James Hayes, nineteen years old, of 1955 Second Avenue, known to the police as a gang leader and said to have been one of four men who held up and robbed a Third Avenue saloon late Saturday night, was shot and fatally wounded early yesterday in front of 225 East 101st Street. Patrolman Samuel Bosserman ran to the scene and asked Hayes who shot him. The victim merely shook his head. He died before an ambulance arrived.

Jake Malaga recognized Hayes as one of the quartet who held him up in his saloon at 1781 Third Avenue, hit him on the head with a blackjack and escaped with \$130 from the till. The police believe Hayes was killed by one of the federates in a quarrel over division of the spoils.

**Blue Grass Belle
Wins Divorce From
Japanese Pastor**

**Court Decree Ends Romance
of Former Olivia Buckner
and the Rev. Yutaki Mina-
kuchi, at Paris, Kentucky**

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
PARIS, Ky., March 27.—A decree of divorce has been granted by the Circuit Court here to Olivia Buckner Minakuchi, formerly a leader in Kentucky society, from the Rev. Yutaki Minakuchi, widely known Japanese lecturer, it was learned to-day.

Eighteen years ago Miss Olivia Buckner was one of the belles of the Blue Grass State. She had inherited some money from her grandfather, William Buckner, descendant of Governors and other noted men. To all suitors she turned a deaf ear. In Japan lived young Minakuchi. His parents were wealthy and of noble birth. They had embraced Christianity and had decided to have their son educated in a religious institution in America, that he might be able some day to return as a missionary to his native land and teach his own people. Fate decreed that he should enter a college in Lexington.

One Sunday in May, 1903, Minakuchi received an invitation to deliver a sermon at a church in Bourbon County. The novelty of hearing a sermon by an educated Japanese drew an enormous crowd, among them Mrs. Rosa Buckner and her daughter, Olivia. Mrs. Buckner entertained the minister.

When Minakuchi met Miss Buckner he at once proposed to her. He was accepted, and on July 9, 1903, against the advice of her relatives, they were married. The union proved unhappy, and an application for divorce was filed six years ago by Mrs. Minakuchi. She alleged cruel and inhuman treatment. Later she withdrew her action.

Conditions did not improve thereafter and a few weeks ago another application for divorce was filed. The plaintiff said that at the time of her marriage she had an estate valued at \$35,000; that the defendant soon got possession of her personality and induced her to sell her real estate and spend her entire fortune, and that during the last several years her mother has been the support of herself and her child, and has also contributed to the support of the defendant.

Bullets To Be Cut From Skull To Cure Man's Criminal Mania

OSSINING, N. Y., March 27.—Roman Leondowski, a patient in the Dannemora State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, is on his way to Sing Sing prison, where an effort will be made to cure him of his mania and his criminal tendencies by a surgical operation.

Originally he was sent to Sing Sing from New York City, where he had been convicted of assault. He was a surly, unreliable prisoner and was transferred to Clinton prison at Dannemora, the recalcitrant's sanatorium. There it was discovered that he was subject to spells of mental depression and he was transferred to the hospital.

His prison term has expired, but as no improvement has been discovered in his mental disorder he was not discharged from the hospital. An X-ray picture disclosed recently that Leondowski had two bullets in his skull. Physicians said that if they were removed his brain might become normal and not only his mental disease but his moral crookedness might vanish.

When this report was made to

Charles F. Rattigan, Superintendent of Prisons, he got in touch with surgeons and brain specialists in New York, laying the case of Leondowski before them. There was no money in it, he told the surgeons, and perhaps no fame, but there was a chance of redeeming a human being.

The doctors to whom he talked, after examining the X-ray photographs, agreed with the doctors at the Dannemora Hospital that an operation might restore Leondowski's reason, and perhaps his sense of moral values. They told Superintendent Rattigan that they were at his service.

The Superintendent of Prisons at once ordered Leondowski transferred to Sing Sing, the prison closest to New York City, for the convenience of the surgeons who are to perform the operation. Leondowski left Dannemora tonight. The prison hospital has been prepared for the operation, and if Leondowski's condition is favorable the operation may be performed Wednesday. If it is successful he will be a free man, his prison sentence having expired.

**Two Children and
Woman Are Killed
In Auto Crashes**

**Drivers in Three Accidents
in City Held on Technical
Charges of Homicide;
Three Others Are Injured**

Mrs. Lulu de la Portillo, sixty-two years old, a visitor here from Mexico, was run over by an automobile in front of which she fell while crossing Fourth Avenue at Fifteenth Street last night. She died in an ambulance which was taking her to Bellevue Hospital.

Simon Aronstein, forty-five years old, the owner and driver of the machine, was arrested on a technical charge of homicide. According to witnesses, Mrs. de la Portillo stumbled and fell in front of the approaching automobile.

Morris Fishman, eleven years old, of 1932 Second Avenue, was instantly killed when run down by an automobile at Second Avenue and 100th Street last night. Anthony Measick, of 1939 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, who was operating the machine, was held on a technical charge of homicide.

Richard Pollack, ten years old, of

171 Prospect Avenue, Brooklyn, was killed yesterday when he was struck by an automobile driven by Paul Jacobson while crossing Fifth Avenue at Seventeenth Street, Brooklyn. Jacobson was held in \$2,000 bail.

Clara Webber, twenty-four years old, of 169 Passaic Street, Hackensack, had her arm practically severed just above the elbow when a limousine in which she was riding struck a telephone pole while climbing the Port Lee Hill, Hackensack, early yesterday morning. Miss Webber was riding with her arm on the ledge of the window of the car when the accident occurred. She was rushed to Englewood Hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the arm.

BRANFORD, Conn., March 27.—Francis A. Loveland and Anna Keefe, both of Hartford, narrowly escaped death today when the automobile under which they had been pinned was struck by the Colonial Express of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

The couple were entering their town when the automobile plunged over a twenty-foot embankment near Kirkam Road and landed on the eastbound ledge of the New Haven road, over which the express train, Washington bound, was approaching at high speed.

Three young men who had seen the accident rushed to the scene and succeeded in assisting the couple from their machine before the train demolished it.

Miss Keefe is in a local hospital in a critical condition and Loveland is suffering from internal injuries.

Sharp Drop Shown In Professional Immorality Here

**Woman's Court Record Dis-
closes 1,308 Cases in 1920
as Against 2,313 in 1919,
Says the Committee of 14**

Professional immorality is on the decline in New York City if Woman's Court records are to be taken as a criterion, according to the report of the Committee of Fourteen for the year 1920, which was made public yesterday. The report tabulates only 1,308 cases for last year as against 2,313 in 1919. There were 5,355 cases in 1911. The decrease from that year has been consistent, save in 1914, 1915 and 1918, each of which showed a slight increase over their respective preceding years.

The report, which covers fifty-two pages, comments as follows on the case with which rooms in respectable hotels can be secured for immoral purposes: "While few hotels knowingly permit the use of their rooms for immoral purposes, there are still many hotels where persons can secure accommodations for this purpose. It is recommended that hotels be licensed."

The report continues, in part: "Old offenders are not so much in evidence in the Woman's Court as are young girls caught for the first time, and the taxicab is running the hotel a close second as a place where immorality is carried on."

"The large number convicted each year in the court for the first time, indicating a continual influx of young girls into the life of prostitution, constitutes a most serious problem."

"With the general repression of the assignment hotels in the early months of the war, as the result of the activity of the police and the cooperation with them of the brewers, who supplied those hotels with beer, the prostitute and her customer found difficulty in securing accommodations. Resort was then had to taxis and cabs. While it did not seem probable that immoral use might be made of his conveyance without the knowledge of the driver, convictions were difficult to secure. Subdivision 2 of Section 85 was amended in 1919 to make the convictions of such drivers less difficult. Evidence of knowledge, sufficient for conviction, however, is still difficult to secure. Nevertheless the police have extended their activities to the prostitutes who

so use conveyances, and during the year there were seventy-one such cases in the woman's court."

The report of the committee was made public by its secretary, Frederick Felix M. Warburg, Cleveland H. Dodge, Joseph P. Grace and Robert S. Brewster, during the year \$16,099.78 and expended \$14,910.06. The

largest contributors were John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Arthur Curtiss James, who gave \$2,500 each; Percy S. Straus, \$750; Mrs. Willard D. Straight, \$500; Felix M. Warburg, Cleveland H. Dodge, Joseph P. Grace and Robert S. Brewster, \$500 each, and William Hamilton Childs, \$250.

Feminine Unions to Meet
WASHINGTON, March 27.—Trade union women and their allies, federated as the National Women's Trade Union League of America, announced to-day their eighth convention, to be held at Waukegan, Ill., during the week beginning June 6.

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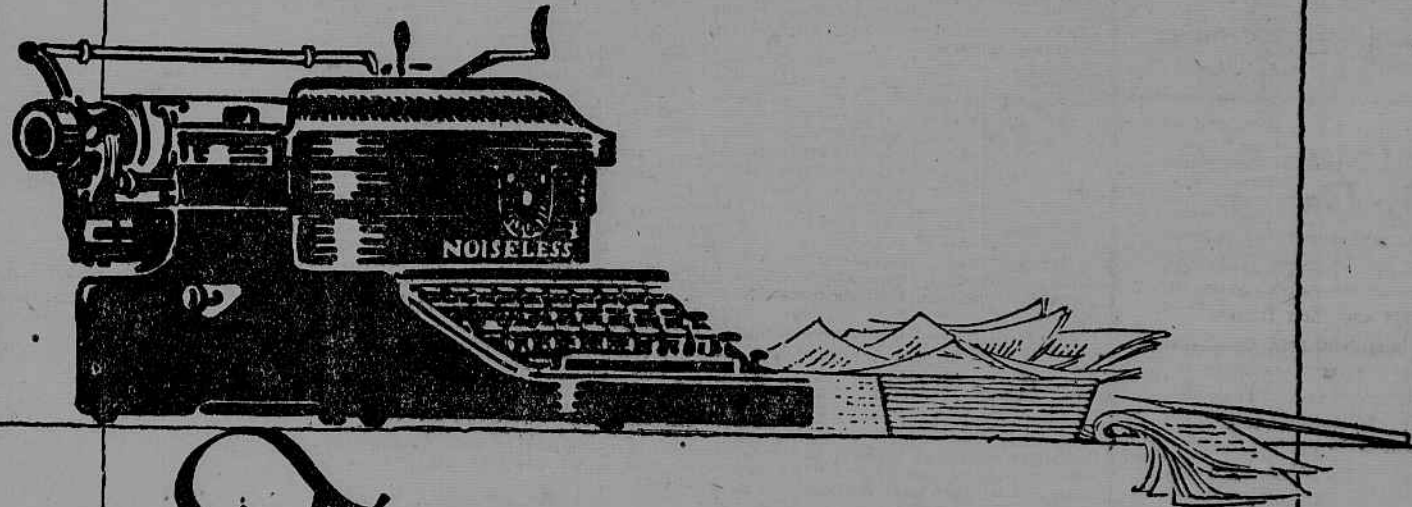
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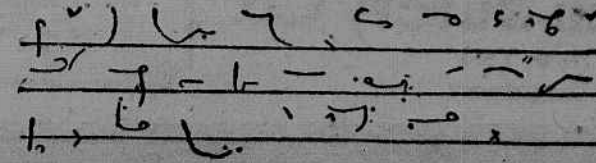
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